

What's Happening

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What's Happening is a publication of the Public Works Division, G-4, I & L. The purpose of this publication is to keep our customers informed of current and planned maintenance, repairs, and construction improving the quality of life on MCAS Miramar.

Upcoming Airfield Projects

By Pete Fox

Public Works Division has contracted with PWC and Palomar Paving to repair deteriorated asphalt sections of R/W 24R. The areas affected are: R/W 24R approach, the north shoulder at midfield, and the jet fast fuel infields. This would necessitate the closure of the runway for approximately one week.

The milestone dates are still being finalized as of this date and will be published in the *What's Happening* on a future date.

Pavement Repair Project

By Wendell Beacham

The road repair crew continues improvements of our station roads and parking lots. Most recently the contractor has completed paving work on parking areas around buildings 6311, 6317, 7690 and 7209. The contractor was scheduled to pave parking areas at buildings 7490 and 7550 on 29 August, but due to inclement weather the schedule for repairs in these areas has been changed to 13 September. To date, over 70% of all roads and parking areas at MCAS Miramar have been repaired.

Road closure scheduled locations, dates and times of construction are listed in the Utility Outage directory in "base wide on mcasmiramar04" shared drive.

GySgt Reggie Brown

By Michael Plakosh

GySgt Brown has joined PWD to assist the Energy Program Manager in the Enforcement of MCAS, Miramar Station Order 11300.2; Energy Conservation Program.



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GySgt Brown will maintain the utilities consumption and cost database, prepare the SECNAV Report, on achieving the goals of Utility Demand Reduction & Presidential Directive, and manage Energy Savings Performance Contract Delivery Order One; Chiller Plant, Lighting & HVAC Retrofits.

GySgt Brown joined the Marine Corps in 1981 and has enjoyed various tours overseas and stateside including Los Angeles, Japan, El Toro, Tustin and Miramar. He has three children Megan 14, Joshua 11, and Rayne 6. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys reading, cooking and most outdoor activities.

Upcoming Events

●	Customer Service meeting—Thursdays, 0900 at JRC
●	Fuel Parking Area Project Design—0900 7 September
●	A & I Board Meeting—0800 2 November

No *What's Happening* Next Week

Our next issue will be published on 14 September, due to the upcoming holiday week.

Energy Tip

By Michael Plakosh

Home Energy Savings Ideas, Part 3

Dishwasher: Always wash full loads and air-dry dishes on the "energy saver" setting.

Select the most energy-efficient model when buying a new appliance. Savings: 5-25 percent of operating costs.

Use dimmer switches or timers on lights. Savings: 7-10 percent of lighting costs.

Replace incandescent bulbs with fluorescent lamps. Savings: 30-38 percent of lighting costs.

Turn off lights whenever they're not needed. Savings depend on your current energy practices.

If you install a time clock so your electric water heater operates only during off-peak hours, you can save even more if you are on SDG&E's Time-Of-Use Rate (TOU). This optional rate can save you money if you can shift your appliance use to off-peak hours. Off-peak hours are between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Savings depend on your use.

You can cut your heating costs up to 25% simply by installing proper ceiling insulation to at least R-19 standards. Insulate walls, floors and heating ducts, too. This insulation will not only keep heat from escaping, but will also make your home more comfortable.

By caulking and weather-stripping, you can cut your heating bills up to 10%. Weather-strip doors and windows, and caulk air leaks around windows, door frames, pipes and ducts.

Install storm or thermal windows. These tightly fitting windows give the benefit of double-pane glass. Air trapped between the two panes acts as a thermal insulator, keeping your heated air inside where it belongs.

Wrap your water heater with a water heater blanket, especially if it's in an unheated area of your home. The blanket could save you up to 10% on water heating costs.

Building 9211 Renovation

By Wendell Beacham

Repairs to our Air Operations building continue. The contractor has been working on structural strengthening of the building and modifications to the utilities. These efforts will be followed by the removal of the old control tower, repair and installation of the mechanical systems, and finish work - painting of the structure, and replacing windows, doors, and flooring. Throughout this renovation, the contractor will complete repairs while also accommodating operations.

Fuel Facility Area Lighting

By Robert Branson

Defense Energy Support Center has authorized the installation of security lighting at various fuel facilities aboard the station. The areas include buildings 7229, 7460, 9935, and 7230. Lighting will adhere to current Station Regulations as outlined in the Base Exterior and Architecture Plan.

Designs of areas 7229, and 7460 are nearing completion. The remaining designs will be completed in November. All pertinent organizations will be asked to review the designs prior to construction award.

Marine Corps History

By Bob Wagner

We thank the Flying Leatherneck Museum for providing input for this article.

Grumman Aircraft designed and built the Wildcat prior to, and during, the early years of World War II. The F4F "Wildcat" was one of the first line fighters of the USMC at the beginning of WWII. This aircraft was flown by the gallant Marine pilots at Wake Island, Midway, and Guadalcanal where it was able to partially blunt the efforts of the Japanese Zero. Marine pilots such as Joe Foss, John Smith, Henry Elrod, Harold Bauer, and Robert Galer earned the Medal of Honor flying Wildcats. The Wildcat produced eight Medal of Honor recipients — more than any other single engine fighter. Eleven Marine Wildcat squadrons are credited with shooting down 562 enemy aircraft.



A variety of military aircraft are proudly displayed at the flying Leatherneck Museum, including this week's featured aircraft, the F4F (Wildcat) above.